Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think it worthwhile to enter into the merits of the question raised in the petition. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—If such grave allegations are made, which are now found to be false, is it proper that these are let off without any punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not consider it worthwhile to do anything in the matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Take him to the Asylum.

President.—Those are uncharitable statements. He is not given an opportunity of being heard.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I had the opportunity of hearing him.

268. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(i) if Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the Diwan, has made the alleged statement referred to in para 25 of Mr. R. Govinda Menon's communication, dated 19th Karkadagam 1104, to the Sarvadhikariakar to His Highness the Maharaja about the Judges of the Chief Court of Cochin ; if not,

(ii) whether the Government proposes to take any action on these grave and serious allegations; and if not,

(iii) why not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(i) The statement was not made.

(ii) No action is proposed to be taken.

(iii) It is not considered worthwhile.

Supply of fresh drinking water to the people of Chellanam, etc.

269. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether any action has been taken so far in the direction of supplying fresh drinking water to the people of Chellanam, Manacheri, etc., as per resolution unanimously passed and accepted in the Council;

(2) do the Government think of doing anything in the near future towards the carrying out of the resolution and thereby gratifying the extreme needs of a pretty big portion of His Highness' subjects?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Investigations were made, and it is found that the probable minimum consumption of water will be 40,000 gallons per day.

(2) Government would be quite willing to work any scheme which is found to be feasible. Certain proposals are beinginvestigated.

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